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In re application: Aruna K. Behera et al

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For: INTERRUPTING THE INTERACTION OF INTERCELLULAR
ADHESION MOLECULE-1 AND RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL
VIRUS FOR PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF INFECTION

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RESPONSE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2001, Paper number 11. Applicant hereby petitions for a four month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Granting the petition would extend the time for filing the Response to February 19, 2002. The appropriate petition fee of \$720.00 is enclosed herewith.

Restriction to one of the following Groups was required under 35 USC §121:

I. Claims 1-6 and 10-12, drawn to methods of prevention of respiratory infection including RSV infection by administering an undefined therapeutic agent that down-regulates ICAM-1 expression, classified in class 424, subclass 130.1.

II. Claims 7-8, drawn to an anti-ICAM-1 antibody composition that regulates ICAM-1 expression, classified in class 530, subclass 388.22.

III. Claims 7-8, drawn to an anti-RSV antibody composition that